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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by three (3) month(s). This Petition is being filed to provide sufficient time to permit the filing of a Divisional Application claiming the priority of the present application in response to the final Office Action issued in this case. Enclosed is our check No. 14370 which includes the amount of \$510.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

- ☐ Response within first month  
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- ☐ Response within second month  
☐ not small entity (\$450) ☐ small entity (\$225)
- ☒ Response within third month  
☐ not small entity (\$1020) ☒ small entity (\$510)
- ☐ Response within fourth month  
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You are authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700 any additional amounts owing.

If this petition is inadequate to avoid abandonment, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 25, 2005:

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